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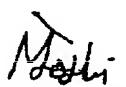
**REMARKS:**

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 16-27 and 32-34 with appreciation. Applicants hereby cancel rejected claims 10-15 and 28-31. Claims 1-9 were also canceled in Amendment A filed on Oct. 28, 2004. As a result of this amendment, allowance for this application is respectfully requested.

Very Respectfully,



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